

REMARKS:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 8, 2010, claims 52, 77, 93, and 102 have been amended, and claims 78, 97, 100, 101, and 103 have been canceled without prejudice. Accordingly, claims 52-55, 66-68, 70-77, 80-83, 85-96, 98-102, and 104-107 remain pending with claims 95 and 96 withdrawn from further consideration.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 82, 83, and 85-92 were allowed and that claims 77, 78, 95-97, and 103 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response to the Office Action, claim 77 has been rewritten in independent form. In addition, claim 52 has been amended to include all of the limitations of allowable claim 78. Therefore, claim 52 and its dependent 53-55, 66-68, 70-76, 80, and 81 should now be allowable. Claim 93 has been amended to include all of the limitations of allowable claim 97. Therefore, claim 93 and its dependent claims 94-96, 98, and 99 should also be allowable. Finally, claim 102 has been amended to include all of the limitations of allowable claim 103. Therefore, claim 102 and its dependent claims 104-107 should also be allowable. With these amendments, Applicants submit that the application should now only include allowable claims and that the rejections under § 102(b) and § 103(a) should be withdrawn.

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In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the claims now presented in this application define patentable subject matter over the cited prior art. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the application is requested.

Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time necessary to make the present response timely. Applicants believe that a one month extension is currently required.

Respectfully submitted,
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